

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012
6:15 P.M.

The Park & Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Aaron Gurley, James Zachery, Will St. John, Dave Malson and Paul Barada. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Tracy Newhouse, Pool Manager Rita Kaster, Assistant Pool Manager Gina Dyer and Parks Liaison Brad Berkemeier.

Minutes: Minutes of October 9, 2012 was presented for approval. Malson moved to approve October 9th minutes. Barada seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Gurley and Barada. Barada moved to approve the claims for the month. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Parks Director's Report: Mathews stated:

- 1) Haunted Hay Ride was a success. He helped Jemmy Miller put together and turned out real nice. Had roughly 1000 people go through it. He feels this is just a start of what's to come. They have some good ideas for next year and their hopes for next year are to maybe work our costume parade into it on a weekend, all on the same day.
- 2) New boat playground equipment has been a big success. Lots of kids on it every day.
- 3) Installing an Ice Skating Rink at the Amphitheater this winter. Hopefully it will be cold enough for people to skate.

Unfinished Business: Wish List for Swimming Pool:

Pool Manager Rita Kaster and Assistant Manager Gina Dyer were present with the Wish List for the pool. Kaster stated the pool will run rather these items are done or not. She also thanked the board for their jobs and having them back next year. Things they would like to see done at the pool consist of:

- 1) Painting the bottom of the pool.
- 2) Painting of pool.
- 3) Need new chairs. At least 25 to 30 new ones. They are around \$80 to \$90 a piece. St. John suggested buying a few at a time or buy in bulk and get a better deal. Barada suggested asking patrons to contribute money for a chair at the pool. Dyer stated some pools rent their chairs out and that is a way of making money to replenish the old ones. Mathews suggested getting around 10 a year and stated he will check on pricing.
- 4) Diving board worn out. It is heavily used.
- 5) Shade of some kind, for shallow end, for kids and adults. Possibly a big umbrella.
- 6) Restrooms – Very bottom of lockers are in bad shape. They are rusted out. They will need to be taken out or repainted.
- 7) Floors in restrooms are very slick. Suggested buying mats to lay down. Sharpe suggested paint with sand in it so they won't be so slick.
- 8) Umbrellas ripped. There are two that needs fixed. Has ripped in the seam. Trying to find someone to sew them back together.
- 9) Slide needs painted.

Lots of cosmetic things need done just to make things look better. Paint is a constant battle. Kaster invited all board members to stop in the pool and take a look around.

Kaster then asked if the board would like to consider changing the rates at the pool. She feels it has been a struggle for people. To date our rates are as follows:

\$4.00 Adult, \$3.00 Child, \$125.00 for Family pass, \$180 for Group pass, \$75.00 for Adult pass and \$55.00 for Child pass.

Kaster stated our rates are cheaper than most surrounding area pools. Kaster stated she feels our prices are reasonable.

Zachery suggested having special days where if a person brings a can food, they can get a reduced rate.

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Kaster stated the pool did stay open longer last year. It was hot but we didn't have a lot of people with kids getting ready for school and college.
Kaster stated it was a great season. She had a great staff.

Mathews stated he would have to present the list to the Mayor.
Kaster said they will volunteer their labor to save money if the board would buy the materials.
St. John volunteered to help. Zachery agreed to supervise!

Malson made a motion to present the list of requests to the Mayor for approval, get the materials and use volunteer labor and to also look at the two important items first being the floor and diving board. Barada seconded. Motion carried.

Berkemeier stated before considering raising the pool fee, have Ann in Clerks Office to look at the finances. Look at income expenses before we decide what to do.
Otte stated she hates to make things more difficult for people.
Malson stated he too don't want to make it difficult for people to be able to afford to come to the pool.
Mathews stated the pool has not been heated for the last 4 years. He said we may have to look at a handicap chair lift but is hoping our zero depth will suffice.

New Business: St. John stated he walks in the parks a lot and there is not enough park rules posted. He has seen some in the boxes but small print or old print and not big enough to see. He would like the parks shut down times and rules posted.
Mathews knows they are posted but will check tomorrow and see where they are posted.
St. John said he would like big metal signs at each end of park and posted throughout the park.
Gurley stated it is a City Ordinance.
St. John said he just feels people should be well informed.
He would like to see the basic rules of the park, park hours, closing time and refer to the city ordinance.

Otte stated if nothing earth shattering, we would forgo our December meeting and just ask for three people to review claims. Malson, Gurley and St. John volunteered to go to City Hall and review/sign claims.
Malson moved to see everyone next year, if nothing earth shattering. St. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

_____ SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT	_____ PAUL BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT
_____ DAVE MALSON, MEMBER	_____ WILL ST. JOHN, MEMBER
_____ AARON GURLEY, MEMBER	_____ JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST: _____
CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY